

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 38 and 46 as shown below.

1-37 (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A seal for use in conjunction with a slider, comprising:

(a) an upper seal member comprising a first mating surface and a first width W_1 of runout material, the upper seal member comprising a start, a middle and an end portion, and a lifting wing on said middle portion and not on said end portion; and

(b) a lower seal member comprising a second mating surface and a second width W_2 of runout material, the second mating surface having a shape that interlocks with said first mating surface, the lower seal member further comprising a closure bar groove;

wherein said first and second mating surfaces interlock, wherein said lifting wing is accessible for interaction with a slider lifting rib, wherein said closure bar groove is accessible for interaction with a slider closure bar, wherein when separating the first and second mating surfaces the closure bar of the slider anchors the lower seal member and the lifting rib of the slider contacts the lifting wing of the upper seal member to pull and separate the first mating surface from the second mating surface as the slider is moved in an opening direction, and wherein the first width W_1 of runout material of the upper seal member does not overlap the second width W_2 of runout material of the lower seal member when the first and second mating surfaces interlock.

39. (Previously Presented) A product, comprising the seal, as claimed in Claim 38,

wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of hazardous material suits, fire suits, dry suits, dry bags, bivy sacks, waders, space suits, tents, shipping packages, household storage bags, map cases, chart cases, kayak skirts, backpack covers, computer cases, electronic device cases, watercraft containers,

inflatable cases, flotation bags, flotation devices, waterproof pockets, fishing vest pockets, smell-proof pockets, wetsuits, jackets, sleeping bags, rain gear, boots, kayak jackets, wind breakers, and wind proof fleeces.

40-45 (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A seal for use as a closure device, comprising:

- (a) a slider comprising a lifting rib and a closure bar;
- (b) an upper seal member comprising a first mating surface and a first width W_1 of runout material, the upper seal member comprising a start, a middle and an end portion, and a lifting wing on said middle portion and not on said end portion; and
- (c) a lower seal member comprising a second mating surface and a second width W_2 of runout material, the second mating surface having a shape that interlocks with said first mating surface, the lower seal member further comprising a closure bar groove;

wherein said first and second mating surfaces interlock, wherein said lifting wing is accessible for interaction with the lifting rib of the slider, wherein said closure bar groove is accessible for interaction with the closure bar of the slider, wherein when separating the first and second mating surfaces the closure bar of the slider anchors the lower seal member and the lifting rib of the slider contacts the lifting wing of the upper seal member to pull and separate the first mating surface from the second mating surface as the slider is moved in an opening direction, and wherein the first width W_1 of runout material of the upper seal member does not overlap the second width W_2 of runout material of the lower seal member when the first and second mating surfaces interlock.

47. (Previously Presented) A product, comprising the seal, as claimed in Claim 46,

wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of hazardous material suits, fire suits, dry suits, dry bags, bivy sacks, waders, space suits, tents, shipping packages, household storage bags, map cases, chart cases, kayak skirts, backpack covers, computer

cases, electronic device cases, watercraft containers, inflatable cases, flotation bags, flotation devices, waterproof pockets, fishing vest pockets, smell-proof pockets, wetsuits, jackets, sleeping bags, rain gear, boots, kayak jackets, wind breakers, and wind proof fleeces.